

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

SUSAN PADDEN,  
Plaintiff,

V.

CITY OF DES MOINES and MICHAEL  
MATTHIAS,

### Defendants.

Cause No. C20-0845RSL

## ORDER ALLOWING WITHDRAWAL AND AMENDMENT

This matter comes before the Court on “Defendant Matthias’ Motion for Leave to Withdraw and Amend Responses to Requests for Admission.” Dkt. # 11. Having reviewed the submissions of the parties and the current case management schedule,<sup>1</sup> and being cognizant of the fact that the COVID pandemic has upended normal routines and practices that would likely have avoided the error that occurred here, the Court finds as follows:

Good cause exists for allowing defendant Matthias to withdraw his responses to the second set of Requests for Admission and to serve revised or amended responses within ten days of the date of this Order. Doing so will promote the presentation of the case on its merits and will not unfairly prejudice plaintiff. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 36(b). Defendant Matthias' motion to

<sup>1</sup> The discovery deadline is January 3, 2021. Dkt. # 10.

1 withdraw and amend is therefore GRANTED.

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3 Dated this 17th day of November, 2020.

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Robert S. Lasnik  
United States District Judge

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